

### REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application.

By the present amendment, Applicants hereby amend claims 1 and 13 and respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered.

In the Non-Final Office Action dated January 6, 2004, the Examiner accepted the drawings as informal and acceptable for examination purposes; and rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Cppress.com (PTO-892 Ref U of Paper No. 10). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and reconsideration is hereby requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over Cppress.com in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “inputting into a computer... the identity of a pest existing on a property... [inputting into the computer] the identity of a plant or crop existing on the property... [inputting into the computer] the location of the property; and executing an algorithm for generating therefrom instructions for choosing a pesticide registered in said location to protect said plant or crop from said pest.” Cppress.com fails to teach, either expressly or inherently, at least these features of the claimed invention. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12, which depend from claim 1, are also allowable over Cppress.com.

Claim 13 is allowable over Cppress.com in that claim 13 recites a combination of element including, for example, “a memory for storing... a plant database[,]... a pest database[,]... a pesticide database; and location database; and... a processor connected to the memory and being configured to generate instructions regarding which pesticides in the pesticide database are registered for use in a location within the location database and can be used to protect a plant in the plant database from a pest in the pest database.” Cppress.com fails to teach,

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either expressly or inherently, at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-20, which depend from claim 13, are also allowable over Cppress.com.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone call would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this paper is provided.

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